



COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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August 9, 2005

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California

Dear Supervisors:

APPROVAL OF CONTRACT FOR THE DEL VALLE TRAINING CENTER (ELECTRICAL PROJECT) (3-VOTES) (FIFTH DISTRICT)

**JOINT RECOMMENDATION WITH THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATION OFFICE THAT
YOUR BOARD, ACTING AS THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CONSOLIDATED
FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY:**

1. Find that this project is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act under CEQA Guidelines Section(s) 15303 (d) and 15304 (f).
2. Authorize the Fire Chief to enter into a contract with Walterscheid Electric Company in the amount of \$314,500 from the Fire District's as-needed contracts approved by your Board on February 15, 2005.

SERVING THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND THE CITIES OF:

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AZUSA
BALDWIN PARK
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WEST HOLLYWOOD
WESTLAKE VILLAGE
WHITTIER

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION:

The recommended actions will allow the Fire District to account for electrical consumption separate from the co-occupant of the Del Valle Training Center site located at 28101 Chiquito Canyon Road in the community of Val Verde.

The Fire District owns the real property known as the Del Valle Training Center. Vintage Petroleum operates and owns several oil wells on the same property. The existing training facility receives electrical service via overhead transmission lines owned by Vintage Petroleum. Electrical consumption is measured through one electrical meter and pro-rated to each entity. The proposed project includes installation of transmission lines utilizing the current under and above ground conduit, utility connections to the transmission lines and a separate meter to allow the Fire District to correctly account for electrical consumption at the training center facility.

The Fire District anticipates future development of the training center that would make billing and accounting for the electrical consumption between the District and Vintage Petroleum difficult. It is recommended that your Board approve and authorize the Fire District to enter into a contract for the proposed electrical refurbishment.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The completion of the proposed project complies with the County's Strategic Plan Goal of Fiscal Responsibility to maintain current and future infrastructure conditions at the Fire District's Del Valle Training Center.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:

The estimated total construction cost of this project is \$281,341 which includes the base contract of \$267,943 and contingency change order fund of \$13,397. The total project cost including plans and specifications, construction, contingency change order fund, consultant services, and project management is estimated at \$314,500.

The entire project is funded by Del Valle Training Center Accumulated Capital Outlay Fund.

Operating Budget Impact

Upon completion of the proposed project at the Del Valle Training Center, there will be no impact to the operating budget. Currently, the Fire District pays a pro-rata share of electrical consumption for the training facility.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS:

The District's Board approved as-needed property management contracts contain provisions required by your Board of the following:

Section 8.10 requires the contractor to report solicitations of improper consideration by County employees and allows the County to terminate the contract if it is found that the contractor offered or gave improper consideration to County employees.

Section 8.12 identifies the threshold requirement for consideration for contract award and Walterscheid Electric Company is willing to consider Greater Avenues for Independence Program participants for future employment.

Section 8.14 incorporates language stating that the contractor shall notify employees and its subcontractors about Board Policy 5.135, the Safely Surrendered Baby Law.

Walterscheid Electric Company is in full compliance with Los Angeles County Code Chapter 2.200 (Child Support Compliance Program) and Chapter 2.203 (Contractor Employee Jury Service Program).

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The project is categorically exempt pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines Sections 15303 (d) and 15304 (f) and Class 1 (e) and Class 1 (x) (21) of the County Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987.

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CONTRACTING

On January 25, 2005, five Board-approved contractors were offered the opportunity to bid on the Del Valle Training Center Electrical Project. On February 8, 2005 a job walk was held on-site and three contractor(s) attended. On February 24, 2005 three sealed bid(s) were received. Upon evaluation of the bids, Walterscheid Electric Company was the lowest responsive and responsible bidder. The amount of the bid surpasses the amount authorized and delegated to the Fire District, thus requiring your Board's authorization to execute the contract.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES:

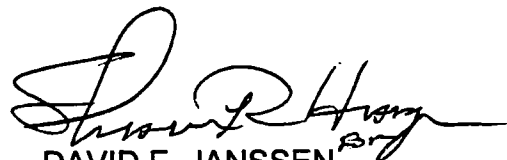
Current electrical service will not be affected during most of the proposed project. Upon completion of the proposed project, each electrical system will be brought online sequentially. There will be a brief loss of power during each change over estimated to last no longer than 30 minutes. However, this will not result in any negative impact to services. Currently there is no fire or life safety services conducted at the Del Valle Training facility. All parties that will be affected by the intermittent loss of power will be notified and no training will be scheduled during this period of transition.

CONCLUSION

Please return one adopted copy of this letter to the District and Chief Administrative Officer (Capital Project Division).

Respectfully submitted,


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Fire Chief


DAVID E. JANSSEN
Chief Administrative Officer

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Enclosures (1)

c: Executive Officer
County Counsel

ENCLOSURE A

DEL VALLE TRAINING CENTER
(ELECTRICAL PROJECT)
C.P. 70595

PROJECT SCHEDULE

Project Activity	Original Scheduled Completion Date
Project Needs Assessment	N/A
Project Feasibility	N/A
Project Program	N/A
Design	
Design Document Submittal *	7/02/04
Jurisdictional Approval *	7/5/05
Contract Award	8/2/05
Installation	
Substantial Completion	11/1/05
Project Acceptance	12/1/05

***Indicates completed activity**

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PROJECT BUDGET SUMMARY

Budget Category	Project Budget
Land Acquisition	\$ 0
Contract	
Base Contract	\$ 256,500
Contingency Fund	13,397
Subtotal	\$ 269,897
Telecommunications	\$ 0
Plans and Specifications	\$ 0
Consultant Services	\$ 14,500
Other Expenditures – Utility Fees	\$ 11,443
Contingencies	\$ 0
County Services:	
Fire District/Const. and Mngt. Division	\$ 18,660
Department of Public Works – AED Services	\$ 0
Subtotal	\$ 18,660
Total	\$ 314,500